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City Council Planning and Development Committee Minutes

**Wednesday February 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting**

Councilor Haggstrom called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Roll Call: All Present

Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2025

Councilor Hogg moved to approve the minutes from January 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mandeville and passed unanimously (3-0)

Communication/Updates

Public Comment:

2024-096 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance expanding the Renewable Energy Development Overlay District (REDD) – **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Haggstrom provided a brief update from the Planning Board.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to continue 2024-096 to the next regularly scheduled committee meeting on 3/19. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed unanimously (3-0).

2025-021 An Order to appropriate \$500,000.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding site construction services for Amesbury High School 90' Diamond Ball Field Improvements.- **Mayor Sponsor**

- Mayor Gove provided some background for the Order. The high school ball field was part of the original Diamond Fields project. The new Cashman Lower Elementary School displaced diamond fields, which have since been replaced by new fields at the Town Park. This order is for improvements at the High School field only.
- Superintendent McAndrews provided further context of the scope of the Order, which includes a full resurfacing of the infield, sodding around the outfield and down the baselines, a new fence of varying heights, stone dust around the dugouts, and an accessible walkway to the bleachers. The scoreboard will also be relocated to outside the fence area.
- Mayor Gove added that the people who drafted this plan are the same as those who drafted the 2019 Sports Field Master Plan.
- Councilor Haggstrom asked Superintendent McAndrews who will be able to use the new field. Superintendent McAndrews answered that – since it is the only 90' diamond in the

City – the High School will get priority. Besides the High School, she anticipated that the Babe Ruth League and Summer League will get use, as well as Community Access.

- Councilor Hogg asked who will be responsible for maintenance of the field. Superintendent McAndrews answered that maintenance will be the responsibility of the School Department.

Councilor Mandeville moved to send 2025-021 to the full City Council with a positive recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed unanimously (3-0).

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Jess Manning